

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 390

In Memory
of
Quentin R. Mease

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Houston in mourning the loss of Quentin R. Mease, who died February 24, 2009, at the age of 100; and

WHEREAS, A community leader and civil rights pioneer, Quentin R. Mease helped set into motion many of the policies that have improved the lives of the citizens of Houston; and

WHEREAS, Born in Iowa on October 25, 1908, Mr. Mease served the nation in World War II as an officer in the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mease moved to Houston in 1948 to help establish the South Central YMCA in the Third Ward, a segregated facility in a city that had yet to integrate; he played an important role in leading the forces that helped establish equal rights for all Houston citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mease was a member of the original Harris County Hospital District governing board, organized in 1966; he served as the organization's chair for 19 years, and a Houston rehabilitation hospital is named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mease was also active with the Urban League, and he authored a memoir entitled *On Equal Footing*; he was given special recognition for his efforts by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage and compassion who was committed to his community, Mr. Mease gave generously to others, and his

wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mease was a devoted husband and father, and his family and friends will long treasure their cherished memories of his life and his many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family and friends of Quentin R. Mease; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Quentin R. Mease.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 9, 2009, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate